(c) if so, what are Government's views in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government is of the view that linking of release of funds with acquisition of aircraft would ensure proper utilisation of funds and permanent creation of assets for the company.

Violation of labour laws in Pawan Hans Ltd.

1224. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that gross violation of statutory Labour laws is taking place in Pawan Hans Ltd., Delhi Office and in Kullu Office in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether contractual employees who have been employed through private contractors and have put in over 8—9 years service have still not be made permanent in service;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps Government propose to take to grant them justice by making them permanent; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) The Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited engages contractors for certain types of works which are of purely temporary or intermittent nature. The terms and conditions of employment of the persons engaged by the contractors are decided by them.

Development of Madurai and Trichy Airports

1225. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to modernise the airports at Trichy and Madurai which are important tourist and trade centres in the country;

(b) whether there is any plan allocation from the Ministry for this project; and

(c) if so, when it will be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?